

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*****Listing of claims:***

1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a batch job, comprising:

wrapping the batch job to create an application programming interface for communication with a batch framework, the batch framework comprising a batch dispatcher class, and the batch dispatcher class further comprising a method to execute the batch job; and

invoking the batch framework according to a predetermined schedule via execution of a command line parameter, wherein the method provides for efficient reuse of programming code and platform independence by encapsulating the batch job and providing a uniform application programming interface for ~~an application~~-processing the batch job according to the method.

2. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the batch job resides locally with the batch framework.

3. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the batch job resides remotely from the batch framework.

4. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the batch framework is invoked by a scheduling service.

5. (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein the batch framework is invoked by a scheduling service.

6. (Original) The process of claim 3 wherein the batch framework is invoked by a scheduling service.

7. (Original) The process of claim 4 wherein the scheduling service is AutoSys.

8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 7 where the AutoSys further executes the command line parameter.

9. (Original) The process of claim 8 wherein the command line parameter is a Unix shell script.

10. (Original) The process of claim 8 wherein the command line parameter is a Windows NT batch file.

11. (Original) The process of claim 5 wherein the scheduling service is AutoSys.

12. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11 where the AutoSys further executes the command line parameter.

13. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the command line parameter is a Unix shell script.

14. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the command line parameter is a Windows NT batch file.
15. (Original) The process of claim 6 wherein the scheduling service is AutoSys.
16. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 15 where the AutoSys further executes the command line parameter.
17. (Original) The process of claim 16 wherein the command line parameter is a Unix shell script.
18. (Original) The process of claim 16 wherein the command line parameter is a Windows NT batch file.
19. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the batch framework is a Java framework.
20. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the application programming interface for communication with the batch framework is a Java application programming interface.
21. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the command line parameter comprises a class name, a method name, and one or more method parameters.